Revenue from Tourism

4020. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what are the targets of foreign revenue and their achievement from Tourism in 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88; and

(b) what are the proposals to develop tourism in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) Foreign exchange earning from tourism depends upon the total foreign tourist arrivals. Targets are, therefore, initially fixed in terms of foreign tourist arrivals and later foreign exchange earning worked out on the basis of average spending per tourist. The Planning Commission has set a target of 7 per cent growth rate in arrival during the Seventh Plan period. Foreign exchange earning is also, therefore, expected to grow at this rate. As against this the actual earnings and the percentage growth achieved during the last three years are as given below :

Year	Earnings in Rs. crores	Percentage change
1985-86 . .	1460	12.3
1986-87 . .	1780	21.9
1987-88 . .	1890	6.2

(b) Tourism development is a continuous process and the government has taken up many schemes for the purpose. These include provision of incentives/concession for attractive private investment in the tourism sector, improvement of infrastructural facilities in tourist centres and wide publicity of tourism resources.

Assistance to voluntary organisations to preserve manuscripts

4021. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Archives of India has instituted a scheme of financial assistance to voluntary organisations and educational institutions for the preservation, purchase and publication of rare and valuable manuscripts;

(b) if so, what is the number of applications for assistance received from Uttar Pradesh during the last three years, indicating the number of applications rejected and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there are any institutions which have been provided assistance for preservation of books; instead of the manuscripts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Number of applications received—37

Number of applications rejected—20

Rejection is due to one or more of the following reasons :

(i) Not covered under the Scheme.

(ii) Requisite papers not received in time.

(iii) Rejected by the Grants Committee after consideration.

(iv) Not recommended by the State Government.

(v) Application not received through the State Government.

(c) No, Sir.

Demand of doctors in Punjab for merger of NPA in Basic pay

4022. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there have been persistent demands from Doctors Association in Punjab for merger of NPA in the basic pay for the purpose of computing DA;

(b) whether the Association has been also demanding the package of incentives